

What is claimed is:

1. A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle,  
wherein a command sequence (30) is generated, the command sequence (30) is transmitted to a monitoring unit (10) in the motor vehicle and the command sequence (30) is processed in a processing unit (12) in the monitoring unit (10).
2. The method as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the command sequence (30) determines the type of operating data recording.
3. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the command sequence (30) is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from this location to the processing unit (12).
4. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the command sequence (30) is transmitted using a mobile storage medium.
5. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the command sequence (30) is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.
6. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 5,  
wherein the command sequence (30) is checked in the processing unit (12).
7. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 6,  
wherein the command sequence (30) is stored in a storage unit (18).
8. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 7,  
wherein data are transmitted from the monitoring unit (10).
9. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 8,  
wherein messages are transmitted when specific criteria are met.

10. A device for recording operating data, particularly for implementing a method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 9, comprising a processing unit (12) for processing transmitted command sequences (3), a storage unit (18) and a communication module (14).

11. The device as recited in Claim 10,  
wherein a display unit (20) is provided.

12. The device as recited in Claim 10 or 11,  
wherein operational control elements (22) are provided.

13. A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle,  
wherein a generated command sequence (30) is received by a monitoring unit (10) in the motor vehicle, and the command sequence (30) is processed in a processing unit (12) in the monitoring unit (10).

14. A computer program having program code means for implementing all steps of a method as recited in Claim 13 when the computer program is executed on a computer or a corresponding processing unit, particularly a processing unit (12) in a device as recited in Claim 7.

15. A computer program product having program code means, which are stored on a computer-readable storage medium, for implementing a method as recited in Claim 13 when the computer program is executed on a computer or a corresponding processing unit, particularly a processing unit (12) in a device as recited in Claim 7.